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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR SY AG XF
SUBJECT: BOUMEDIENE'S RECENT VISITS TO SYRIA

1. UK EMBOFF TOLD US HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY ALGERIAN CHARGE
THAT A PRINCIPAL REASON FOR BOUMEDIENE'S RECENT VISITS TO
DAMASCUS (JULY 18, JULY 22) WAS TO CONSULT WITH PRESIDENT
ASSAD ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING ANOTHER STEADFAST-
NESS SUMMIT. BOUMEDIENE CLAIMED TO HAVE THE AGREEMENT OF ALL
THE STEADFASTNESS GROUP (SOUTH YEMEN, PLO, LIBYA) EXCEPT
ASSAD TO A MEETING. ASSAD TOLD BOUMEDIENE HE COULD NOT
AGREE TO A STEADFASTNESS SUMMIT NOW BECAUSE
HE COULD NOT AFFORD FURTHER TO ALIENATE THE UNITED
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STATES AT THIS TIME.

2. COMMENT: IF REPORT IS TRUE, WE ASSUME ASSAD IS
REFERRING TO SYRIA'S DESIRE TO RETAIN US UNDERSTANDING
RE ITS POSITION IN LEBANON. EQUALLY IMPORTANT,
ANOTHER STEADFASTNESS SUMMIT WOULD ONLY EMPHASIZE CON-
TINUING ARAB DIFFERENCES WHEREAS ASSAD IS ANXIOUS

TO MAINTAIN AS MUCH ARAB (ESPECIALLY SAUDI AND
KUWAITI) BACKING AS POSSIBLE FOR HIS LEBANON POLICY.
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